

**STATE OF CALIFORNIA
BUSINESS, CONSUMER SERVICES AND HOUSING AGENCY
DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS OVERSIGHT**

TO: Crowdsite.com
Crowdsite B.V.
Doesburgstraat 13, 7575EN
Oldenzaal, Netherlands

Webhost: Key-Systems GmbH
Im Oberen Werk 1
66386 St. Ingbert
Germany

**DESIST AND REFRAIN ORDER
(Violation of Financial Code section 17200)**

The Commissioner of Business Oversight finds that:

1. At all relevant times herein, Crowdsite.com (Crowdsite) is an entity of indeterminate origin with its principal place of business at Doesburgstraat 13, 7575EN Oldenzaal, Netherlands.
2. At all relevant times herein, Crowdsite B.V. (CBV) is a Dutch private limited liability company which is the registrant of Crowdsite.com and has its principal place of business at Doesburgstraat 13, 7575EN Oldenzaal, Netherlands.
3. At all relevant times herein, Crowdsite.com is a website hosted by Key-Systems GmbH.
4. Crowdsite and CBV engage in the business of an escrow agent over the Internet at <http://Crowdsite.com> by offering its service through the following process:
 - (a) A principal who wishes to advertise a contest for designers must pay the prize to Crowdsite within five working days after the agreement enters into force, together with the supplement charged by Crowdsite;
 - (b) Crowdsite shall advertise the contest on its website to all the creatives professionals linked to the Crowdsite website; and
 - (c) Within 7 days of the contest, the principal selects the winning design of the contest and after the winning designer submits all its source files to the principal, Crowdsite will pay the prize deposited by the principal to the winning designer within ten working days.

5. The Commissioner of Business Oversight has not issued a license to either Crowdsite or CBV to conduct business as an escrow agent, as required under Financial Code section 17200.

Based on the foregoing findings, the Commissioner of Business Oversight is of the opinion that Crowdsite.com and Crowdsite B.V. are engaged in the business of an escrow agent without obtaining a license from the Commissioner of Business Oversight, in violation of Financial Code section 17200.

Pursuant to Financial Code section 17416, Crowdsite.com and Crowdsite B.V. are ordered to desist and refrain from engaging in the business of receiving escrows for deposit or delivery without first obtaining a license from the Commissioner of Business Oversight.

This Order is necessary, in the public interest, and consistent with the purposes, policies, and provisions of the Escrow Law.

Dated: June 12, 2018
Los Angeles, California

JAN LYNN OWEN
Commissioner of Business Oversight

By _____
MARY ANN SMITH
Deputy Commissioner
Enforcement Division